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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4369**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WATT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Strike sections 2 and 3, and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY OF FRAUDULENT CLAIMS MADE**  
2 **AGAINST ASBESTOS BANKRUPTCY TRUSTS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
5 States shall complete a study, and submit a report to the  
6 Congress containing the results of such study, evaluating  
7 the extent to which fraudulent claims are made against  
8 asbestos bankruptcy trusts and satisfied by such trusts.

9 (b) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The study required by  
10 subsection (a) shall include an assessment of—

11 (1) the total asbestos-related plaintiff com-  
12 pensation between 1973 and the enactment of this  
13 Act;

14 (2) the trends in total asbestos-related plaintiff  
15 compensation and asbestos-related claim payment by  
16 solvent defendants;

17 (3) whether the inability of solvent defendants  
18 to allot liability to trusts in asbestos-related litiga-  
19 tion makes it more difficult for solvent defendants to

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1 show that they were not responsible for a plaintiff's  
2 injuries; and  
3 (4) the extent to which solvent defendants are  
4 able to successfully seek contribution from asbestos  
5 bankruptcy trusts.

